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In re Application OCKBORN, Johan *et al.* Group Art Unit: 3726
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For: Method for Manufacturing a Stator
or Rotor Component

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

In response to the combination Restriction Requirement/Election of Species Requirement mailed April 14, 2009, Applicants elect Group I (method claims 16-23), with traverse of the restriction aspect of the requirement, and Species A and C without traverse of the election aspect of the requirement.

Applicants traverse the restriction aspect of the requirement because apparatus claim 24 specifically requires that the stator or rotor component be made according to the steps recited in claim 16, 18, 20, or 22. Thus, claim 24 is effectively a dependent claim such that allowance of claim 16, 18, 20, or 22 would automatically render claim 24 allowable to the extent it depends from the allowed claim.

With respect to the Election Requirement, Applicants elect to proceed with claims directed toward what the Examiner has characterized as Species A and C. Claims 16 and 17 correspond to that elected combination of species features. None of the pending claims is generic to all disclosed embodiments.

Timely and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner may directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

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